

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 898

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Vijaya Lakshmi Appareddy upon receiving the 2008 American Medical Association Foundation Leadership Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vijaya Lakshmi Appareddy is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Appareddy has been selected to receive the 2008 American Medical Association Foundation Leadership Award based on the exemplary leadership skills she has demonstrated throughout her career; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected psychiatrist, Dr. Appareddy works assiduously as a member of the Board of Governors of Parkridge Medical Center in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, the first Indian-American woman to receive a non-career presidential appointment in the history of the United States, Dr. Appareddy was appointed by President George Bush to the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities in 2002; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to breaking barriers, Dr. Appareddy was also elected in 2002 as the youngest chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin; she currently serves as vice chairman for that organization; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Appareddy has lent her considerable talents and leadership acumen to numerous medical organizations, including serving as president of the Chattanooga Chapter of American Medical Women's Association, member of the International Task Force of American Medical Women's Association, president-elect of the Osmania University Medical Alumni,

founder and secretary of the Chattanooga Association of Physicians from India, and board member of HCA Valley Psychiatric Hospital; and

WHEREAS, in addition, she has served as secretary and treasurer of the Chattanooga Psychiatric Network, secretary of the Medical Staff of Columbia Valley Hospital, regional director of the American Association of Physicians from India, member of Medico-Legal Committee of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society, delegate to the Tennessee Medical Association, and co-chairman of the Women Physicians Committee of AAPI; and

WHEREAS, a public servant of the highest order, Dr. Appareddy is committed to championing the cause of equal access to medical care for everyone and reducing the number of uninsured in this country; and

WHEREAS, a native of India, Dr. Vijaya Lakshmi Appareddy has lived in the United States since 1983; she was inspired to pursue medicine by her father, Dr. Balakrishna Reddy; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from St. Francis College for Women in Hyderabad, India, Dr. Appareddy attended Osmania University Medical School in Hyderabad from which she graduated with high honors and four gold medals; and

WHEREAS, she obtained a fellowship for child and adult training from Mount Sinai Medical School in New York and completed her residency in the Adult Psychiatry Training Program at Elmhurst General Hospital; in addition, she rendered sterling service as a Chief Fellow in the Child Psychiatry Fellowship Program at Mount Sinai; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Appareddy received her Board Certification in General Psychiatry and also in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry; and

WHEREAS, she has lent her expertise as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Brown University Medical School in Providence, Rhode Island, and as the Medical Director of the Residential Unit of Columbia Valley Hospital in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional, she has co-authored two textbooks, *The Siblings of the Psychiatrically Disordered Child* and *Normal Sleep in Neonates and Children*; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vijaya Lakshmi Appareddy epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, she is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Ramesh, and two daughters, Mayuri and Nina; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dr. Vijaya Lakshmi Appareddy for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Dr. Vijaya Lakshmi Appareddy upon receiving the 2008 American Medical Association Foundation Leadership Award, as we recognize her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.